orders u/s 226(3) to direct the third parties to pay up amounts due from them to the defaulters, issue of recovery certificates which enable the Tax Recevoery Officers to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets. Since a large part of arrear demand is locked up in appeals and settlement/waiver petitions, appellate authorities are requested to dspose of appeals expeditiously in the case involving high demands and steps are taken to dispose of the settlement/waiver petitions also promptly. In suitable cases assessees are allowed to pay taxes in instalments. Administratively action plan targets have been fixed for reduction of arrears and the progress is being monitored by senior officers of the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above.

(c) The amount involved in the 3712 cases referred to at (a) above was Rs. 2502.41 crores. Out of this, demand of Rs. 1766.97 crores was disputed in appeals or recovery thereof had been stayed by courts and other authorities. The total amount collected/reduced till 31st December, 1988 is Rs. 678.39 crores.

**External Assistance for Projects in Assam**

2417. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government had sought any external aid for implementing development programmes in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects under implementation in Assam with external aid; and

(c) whether any project was started in Assam with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The details of projects in Assam for which external assistance has been committed during the last three years are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the project | Date of agreement | Donor agency | Amount US $ million | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Third National Agriculture Extension project (NAEP-III) | 29-6-1987 | International Development Association | 85.00 | This is a multi-State project. The participating States are Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam. |
| 2 | Third National Seeds Project. | 22-12-1988 | Do. | 150.00 | A multi-State project with the participation of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. |

**Export of Granite Slabs**

2418. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which Granite Slabs or Tiles are exported; and

(b) the value/quantity of Granite Slabs exported to various countries, countrywise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Granite Slabs and Tiles are mainly

exported to Japan, U.K. USA, Canada, Australia, West Germany, Netherlands and Newzealand.

(b) Estimated exports of polished Granite Slabs and Tiles during the last three years have been as under:—

(value : Rs. Lakhs)
(Qty. Metric Tonnes)

| Year | Quantity | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 | 6822.8 | 600 |
| 1987-88 | 7692.5 | 895 |
| 1988-89 (April-January) | 4997.8 | 777 |

Country-wise break-up, yearly available in value terms only for 1987-88, is given below :—

| Country | Value in Lakh Rs. |
|---|---|
| Australia | 28.0 |
| Canada | 54.0 |
| West Germany | 21.0 |
| Japan | 346.0 |
| Netherlands | 14.0 |
| U.K. | 235.0 |
| U.S.A. | 185.0 |
| New Zealand | 3.0 |
| Taiwan | 3.0 |
| Kenya | 3.0 |
| Sri Lanka | 4.0 |
| TOTAL | 895.0 |

**Water Requirement of Orissa**

2419. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Survey/Study has been conducted by the Central Government to determine the water requirement of Orissa and explore the water resources in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) As a part of Peninsular Rivers Development Component of the National Perspective, the National Water Development Agency has taken up detailed water balance studies of rivers flowing through Orissa State. However, surface water resources are assessed basin/sub-basin wise and not State-wie. The Central Ground Water Board of this Ministry has assessed the annual replenishable ground water resource of the State at 23.3 thousand million cubic meter.

**Revival of Textile Mill at Choudwar**

2420. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textiles mill situated at Choudwar, Orissa has sustained heavy loss since the date of taking over of the mill in 1981;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total amount of loan granted to the mill for revival; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to recover the loan amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The Union Government does not maintain profit and loss account of individual mill compaines.

(c) and (d) Orissa Government is reported to have sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 1419 lakh for revival of the mill. The mill has not been able to repay the Government loans becuase of continued cash losses.

**Borrowing limits of Union and State Governments**

2421. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fiscal Research Foundation has suggested a legislation for fixing limits to the borrowings by the Union and State Government; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?